

Tō mātou mahere kia whakaiti i ngā tukuwaro ā-kawenga | Our plan to reduce transport emissions

At a glance – The Decarbonising Transport Action Plan | December 2022

➤ The challenge

Reduce transport emissions by 41 percent by 2035.

➤ The opportunity

Reduce transport emissions in ways that improve health, safety, equity, urban development, economic prosperity, and resilience.

➤ How we'll do this

To reduce transport emissions, we will focus on three linked areas.



1. Make it easy to get around without a car¹

Key moves:

- Improve the reach, accessibility, and quality of public transport and make it more affordable.
- Fund and maintain infrastructure to increase safe and accessible walking and cycling routes.
- Ensure safer streets and well-functioning urban areas to reduce the number and distance of trips that people need to make.

TARGET: Reduce total vehicle kilometres travelled (VKT) by the light vehicle fleet by 20% by 2035



2. Help New Zealand make the shift to zero emissions vehicles

Key moves:

- Encourage uptake of low emissions vehicles and make them accessible to more New Zealanders.
- Improve EV-charging infrastructure to ensure all EV users can access chargers when they need to.
- Take additional measures to remove unsafe and polluting vehicles from the fleet.

TARGET: Increase zero-emissions vehicles to 30% of the light fleet by 2035



3. Encourage low emissions freight and heavy transport options¹

Key moves:

- Develop a national freight and supply chain strategy that takes a long-term approach to improve efficiency and reduce emissions.
- Continue to implement the New Zealand Rail Plan and support coastal shipping.
- Accelerate uptake of low emissions trucks and buses.
- Start work to decarbonise aviation and maritime sectors and support uptake of new low-carbon fuels.

TARGET: Reduce emissions from freight transport by 35% by 2035, and reduce the emissions intensity of transport fuel by 10%

1. Targets 1 and 3 reflect a change compared to the Ministry's 2019 baseline projection for 2035.

➤ Role of the Decarbonising Transport Action Plan

Details how government will implement ERP transport actions in the next 3 years

1. The transport emissions challenge

Te Manatū Waka Ministry of Transport's analysis of:

- The task at hand
- Transport's role in the transition
- Three ways to reduce transport emissions: 'Avoid, Shift, Improve'
- Success factors for a long-term strategic approach

2. How we meet ERP expectations

Explains how government will:

- Apply ERP principles to transport
- Advance the ERP's transport targets and actions
- Advance cross-cutting and enabling actions
- Progress the focus areas together
- Pave the way for future action
- Monitor progress over time

3. Actions, initiatives, and timing

Specifies how government will deliver each transport-related action in the ERP, with details on:

- What we are doing
- Responsible agencies and key stakeholders
- Key milestones.

